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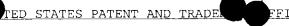
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for this Amendment has been calculated as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

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